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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, INFO BLANTYRE, CAPE TOWN,
DAR ES SALAAM, LISBON, LUANDA, LUSAKA, MBABANE, NAIROBI,
PREOOTIA, USUN, CINCLANT FOR POLAD, CINCEUR, SEP 10, FROM
LOURENCO MARQUES RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LOURENCO MARQUES 0776

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY; NAIROBI ALSO FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: SITREP NO. 5

1. ACCORDING TO BRAZILIAN CONSUL GENERAL, WHO CAME BACK FROM
AIRPORT AROUND 1030 A.M., MARINES (PERHAPS FROM FRIGATE WHICH
DOCKED TODAY IN LOURENCO MARQUES) HAVE TAKEN OVER LOURENCO
MARQUES AIRPORT AND REPULSED EFFORTS FROM MOVEMENT FORCES TO
RECAPTURE IT. HE SAID NORTH ATLAS HAS LANDED WITH REINFORCE-
MENTS. SEVERAL SOURCES CONFIRM THAT SECURITY FORCES (POLICE,
ARMY, AND AIR FORCE) HAVE ROADBLOCKS ON PRINCIPAL ACCESSR
ROUTES TO AIRPORT. DETA AND SOUTH AFRICAN AIRLINES HAVE
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CANCELLED FLIGHTS TO AND FROM LOURENCO MARQUES TODAY.

2. RADIO FREE MOZAMBIQUE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED THAT POLICE FORCES ARE COMING TO THE RADIO STATION AND HAS ASKED FOR PEACE AND CALM. RADIO HAS STOPPED BROADCASTING APPEALS FOR FURTHER UPRISING IN THE LAST TWO HOURS. RFM HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED GENERAL SPINOLA WILL SOON SPEAK TO NATION.

3. BRITISH CONGEN WHOSE CONSULATE IS DIRECTLY OPPOSITE RADIO CLUB STATES THAT PEOPLE IN INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING ARE IN A STATE OF CONFUSION. HE STATES CROWD OF SEVERAL HUNDRED IN FRONT OF RADIO STATION SEEMS TO BE THINNING OUT.

4. FREE MOVEMENT HAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN OVER RADIO STATION IN NAMPULA AND GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE BELIEVES THIS IS TRUE. HOWEVER, THIS COULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE IF TROOPS THERE (WHERE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND IS LOCATED) WERE ADOPTING PASSIVE ATTITUDE, WHICH NOW SEEMS DOUBTFUL.

5. BRITISH CONGEN HAS BEEN TOLD BY THEIR CONSULATE IN BEIRA THAT FREE MOVEMENT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT TAKEN CONTROL OF RADIO THERE AS RUMORED HERE IN LOURENCO MARQUES.

6. THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE (THOUGH APPARENTLY NOT LARGE SCALE) VIOLENCE IN THE AFRICAN SUBURBS. WALKER UNQUOTE.
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